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Aug. 8, 1845—5-ly

THE WINN HOTEL.
YAZOO CITY.
THE undersigned takes
this method of informing the
travelling public that he has become
the proprietor of the well known
Tavern Stand formerly occupied by Mrs.
Whitman, and having refitted and placed it
in complete order, is now fully prepared to
render entire satisfaction to all who may call
on him. His table will be constantly sup-
plied with all the substantial and delicacies
that the market can afford. Every comfort
and attention which his personal efforts can
furnish will be strictly and cheerfully given
to his guests. His bills will be moderate and
satisfactory. His assistance attentive, and
nothing left undone to make the WINN
HOTEL emphatically the Traveller's Home.
R. M. WINN.
December 12, 1845. 23-ly

Private Boarding.
MRS. WHITMAN, respectfully
informs her friends and the public,
that she has opened a PRIVATE BOARDING
House in the large White House on Jeffer-
son Street, first kept by her, where she is
prepared to accommodate those with Board-
ing who may desire it. One or two small
families can be furnished with private rooms.
Transient persons can be accommodated
with boarding and lodging by the day or
week. Yazoo city, Oct. 24, 1845. 16-ly

Notice.
and the public generally, that they
will find at the Phoenix House (the most
popular Hotel in the City) the very accommo-
dations, J. Lankin & Co., always
ready with their attentive servants to con-
vey horses, buggies, &c., to and from this
establishment to our stable without extra
charge. Persons wishing any thing in the
livery business, will apply to us, or J. Lan-
kin & Co.
BLACKMAN, SCOTT, & Co.
aug 15-6-ly

Professional.
E. L. WILLARD. R. R. CORBIN
Drs. WILLARD & CORBIN, having
associated themselves together in the
practice of medicine, and all of its branches,
respectfully offer their services to the citi-
zens of Yazoo city and county.
Office on Jefferson street, formerly occu-
pied by C. F. Hamer, Esq. (2 doors from In-
surance Building), where they can always
be found unless engaged in their profession.
Yazoo city, May 22, 1846. 46-ly

Dr. W. P. SAYLE,
HAVING established himself
permanently in Yazoo City, for the
purpose of practicing Medicine, Surgery and
Obstetrics—would represent to the public
that he has had 16 years experience in the
profession, during which time he has repeatedly
performed most of the capital operations
in Surgery and Obstetrics, viz: for calculus
or stone in the bladder, fractured skull, an-
eurisms, strabismus and the various forms
of fistula and dropsies, instrumental obste-
trics, &c. His Office is opposite the Post
Office, where he will be found ready to give
prompt attention to all cases confided to his
care. Jan 23, 1846. 29-ly

LAW NOTICE.
ROBERT H. BUCKNER has resumed the
practice of his profession, and will
confine himself to the business of the Chan-
cery Court, Supreme Court and the United
States Court, held at the city of Jackson.
Address, Jackson, Miss.
January 23, 1846. 29-ly

CHARLES E. MOUNT,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
No. 13, Camp Street, New Orleans.
January 9, 1846. 27-ly

LAWRENCE & TURNER
Attorneys at Law,
Leake, Attalla, Holmes and Yazoo, and
in the Chancery Court and High Court of
Errors and Appeals at Jackson, Address
J. H. LAWRENCE, Yazoo City.
W. B. TURNER, Yazoo City.
May 8, 1845. 44-ly

F. W. QUACKENBOSS,
Attorney and Counsellor
AT LAW.
Yazoo City, Miss.
CONTINUES to practice regularly in
the Superior Court of Chancery, High
Court of Errors and Appeals, Circuit Court
of the United States, at Jackson, Superior
Court of Chancery, and in the Circuit courts
of Yazoo, Holmes and Carroll counties—
Office in the Insurance building on Jeffer-
son Street.

Law Notice.
Q. D. GIBBS having declined the
removal lately contemplated by him,
will practice in the Yazoo, Holmes and Ma-
dison Circuit Courts, and in the Courts held
at Jackson. Office in the Insurance build-
ing. Yazoo city, Nov. 25, 1845. 21-ly

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William Clark, State Treasurer.
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(Session, 1st Monday in May and November.)

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Winfield Scott, major general of the army.
James Shields, com'r of general land office.
Edmund Burke, commissioner of patents.
Seth Barton, solicitor of the treasury.

Judicial Districts of Mississippi.
Arranged according to Act of 1844, and went into
operation after the late election.

DISTRICTS.	WHAT MONDAYS.	MONTHS.
First District.	Wilkinson, 1st	May and November.
	Adams, 1st	April and October.
	Jefferson, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Franklin, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Amite, 1st	April and October.
	Claiborne, 1st	April and October.
	Issaquena, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Sunflower, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Copiah, 3d	May and November.
	Pike, 4th	March and Septemb'r
	Lawrence, 1st	April and October.
	Marion, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Hancock, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Simpson, 2d	May and November.
	Vernon, 1st	April and October.
	Harrison, 1st	March and Septemb'r
	Smith, 3d	April and October.
	Rankin, 1st	May and November.
	Scott, 4th	April and October.
	Tunica, 1st	March and Septemb'r
	Coahoma, 1st	March and Septemb'r
	Boone, 2d	March and Septemb'r
	Washington, 4th	March and Septemb'r
	Warren, 4th	May and November.
	Hinds, 2d	April and October.
	Jasper, 1st	April and October.
	Newton, 4th	March and Septemb'r
	Jackson, 3d	May and November.
	Jones, 4th	April and October.
	Greene, 4th	May and November.
	Wayne, 3d	April and October.
	Clarke, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Lawrence, 1st	March and Septemb'r
	Neshoba, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Kemper, 3d	March and Septemb'r
	Yazoo, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Madison, 3d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Holmes, 3d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Attala, 3d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Winston, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Noxubee, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Leake, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Monroe, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Lowndes, 2d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Okfuskee, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Chickasaw, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Chickasaw, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Desoto, 6th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Marshall, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Tippecanoe, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Tishomingo, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Tishomingo, 1st	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Pontotoc, 2d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Leflore, 2d	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.
	Panola, 4th	af. 4th in ap. & Oct.

Bank Note Table, Corrected Weekly.
NEW-ORLEANS MONEY MARKET.
Adapted for Yazoo City Market.

STANDARD SPECIES.	per
Gas Light and Banking Company,	par.
Bank of Louisiana,	par.
Merchants and Traders,	par.
City Bank of New Orleans,	par.
Union Bank,	par.
State Bank,	par.
Canal Bank,	par.
Carrollton Bank,	par.
RESIDUATED BANKS.	30 c per dol
Exchange Bank,	30 c
Improvement,	30 c
Bank of Orleans,	25 c
Atchafalaya,	20 c
Blue Backs,	37 c

LEGAL VALUE OF COINS.	per
Eagle before 1834,	\$1.00
do since 1834,	10.00
Sovereigns,	4.88
Doublons,	3.85
Napoleons,	3.85
Doublons, Spanish,	16.25
after 1788,	15.25
after 1788,	15.56
Patriot,	1.00
4th pieces, 2.0	7.87
X Thalers,	7.87
X Guilders,	3.5

Official Despatches.

FROM THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

Col. Twigg's Report.

Extract from the report of Col. Twigg,

who commanded the right wing of the army

on the two glorious days:

On the morning of the 9th, some of the
enemy being discovered in the edge of the
chaparral, we advanced the 5th Infantry
on the right, with the 2d squadron of dragoons
in front, Maj. Ringgold's battery, com-
manded by Lt. Ridgely, on the left of the 5th,
and the 3d brigade on its left. On advancing,
the enemy having retired, we entered the
chaparral, and approached within 800
yards of Resaca de la Palma, where the en-
emy had taken position for fight. The ad-
vance guard having kept up a fire till our
arrival, Lt. Ridgely was ordered in front of
the 5th with his battery, and having ad-
vanced cautiously to within about 400 yards
of their battery in the road, the enemy opened
on him with grape. Lt. Ridgely pushed for-
ward rapidly about 100 yards further, and
returned their fire with great spirit and suc-
cess, advancing on them whenever their fire
slackened. At times the two batteries were
firing cannon at each other when not more
than 100 yards apart. Having advanced in
this manner about 500 yards, Capt. May's
squadron was ordered to charge the enemy's
guns—Dashing forward in column of fours,
(the main road admitting of no other forma-
tion,) the squadron charged across the ravine
through seven of the enemy's pieces, driv-
ing the gunners from them—Capt. May,
with Lt. Inge, Stevens and Sackett, and the
1st and 2d platoons of the squadron, charg-
ing the guns in the road and on the right of
the main road, accompanied by Lieuts.
Winship and Pleasanton, with the 3d and 4th
platoons, leading the charge against the
pieces on the left of the road in the ravine.
Capt. May having charged through the pieces
in the road, rallied some six men, and charg-
ed again at some of the gunners who had
regained their pieces, drove them off, and
took Gen. La Vega prisoner. In the charge
Lt. Inge fell at the head of his platoon whilst
leading it on gallantly, having passed through
their batteries. Corporal McCaully was taken
prisoner, 9 privates and 18 horses were
killed; Sergeant McMuley, 9 privates and 10
horses wounded. The 4th infantry, (under
command of Brevet Major Allen,) the 5th,
commanded by Lieut. Col. McIntosh, and the
3d, commanded by Capt. S. N. Meade, re-
mained possession of the enemy's artillery,
repulsing at different times largely superior
parties brought to bear against them, and
finally brought off the pieces, making several
prisoners of war. After the unsucessful
if not unequalled, charge of Captain May's
squadron, the enemy was unable to fire a
piece. In this affair, in which Lieut. Inge
2d dragoons, and Lieut. Cochran, 4th in-
fantry, were killed—Lieut. Col. McIntosh,
Capt. Hooe, and Lieut. Dibbins were wound-
ed, I would respectfully call the attention of
the commanding general to the gallant con-
duct of Col. McIntosh, 5th, and Col. Gar-
land, 4th infantry, (commanding the 3d brigade),
Lieuts. Ridgely, Shover and French,
3d artillery; Capt. May and Graham, Lieuts.
Winship, Stevens, Pleasanton and Sackett,
2d dragoons; and Capt. Buchanan, Lieuts.
Hays and Woods, 4th infantry, &c.—the
latter two having captured a piece of artillery
defended by one hundred and fifty or two
hundred, with but a few men.

The enemy having been routed with great
loss, this day's action closed with much hon-
or to the American army, spreading terror
among the Mexican people. In this action
every officer and man performed his duty
most gallantly.

But Capt. Arnold and Lieut. McDonald,
2d dragoons, my aids on the 8th and 9th inst.
performed the several duties assigned them
with promptness, coolness and courage. They
accompanied me during the whole of the
affair, except when detached carrying orders.
The detailed account of the commander of
each regiment and corps is herewith trans-
mitted.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient
servant,

D. E. TWIGG, Col. 2d dragoons.

Commanding right wing A. D.

Capt. W. W. S. Bliss, Assistant Adj't Gen.

Lt. Ridgely's Report.

Extract from the report of Lt. Ridgely:

The following morning [the morning of
the 9th inst.] about noon, I took my position
in rear of the 5th Infantry, on our way to
Matamoros, marching in columns of sections
wherever practicable. After having ad-
vanced about five miles I was ordered to
the front with my battery, and was then in-
formed that the enemy were immediately in our
front, occupying the road with their artillery.
Capt. Walker, of the Texas Rangers, was
sent to point out to me their exact position.
After moving very cautiously for a short dis-
tance, I discovered them about 400 yards in
advance in the road, and almost instantly
their artillery opened. I moved rapidly to
the front for about 100 yards, and returned
their fire, which was kept up very spiritedly
on both sides for some time, their grape shot
passing through our battery in every direc-
tion. So soon as it slackened I limbered
up and moved rapidly forward, never unlim-
bered unless seeing them in front, or per-
ceiving from the fire of their infantry they
were on my flanks. Frequently the several
pieces fired cannon at them, when not over
100 or 150 yards. After having advanced in
this manner for about 500 yards, Capt.
May, 2d dragoons, rode up and said "where
are they?" I am going to charge. I gave
them a volley, and he most gallantly dashed
forward in "columns of fours" at the head of
his squadron. I followed as quick as possi-

ble at a gallop, only halting when I came
upon the edge of the ravine, where I found
three pieces of artillery, but no cannoniers;
however their infantry poured into me a
most galling fire at from 25 to 50 paces, and
here ensued a most desperate struggle, but
our infantry coming up they were completer-
ly routed. Their cavalry came so near
that I once cut at them with my sabre. I did
not advance as rapidly as I desired, as I per-
ceived I was not at times, supported by the
infantry, it being impossible for them to go
through the chaparral.

I cannot, sir, speak in too high terms of
the gallantry and coolness of my officers, and
the behaviour of my non-commissioned offi-
cers and men generally, and respectfully
beg leave to call the attention of higher
authorities to the fact that the officers, dur-
ing the greater portion of the engagement,
and always when closely pressed, had to
perform the duties of not only one, but two
cannoniers, handling their own shot and fir-
ing their own pieces, in consequence of the
very limited number of men.

In conclusion, sir, I am proud to state, that
until the enemy's artillery was taken, and
they completely routed, no other artillery
was required, or at least used, but the bat-
tery I have the honor to command.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant—

RANDOLPH RIDGELY.

1st Lt. 3d Artillery, comm'g light Co. C.

Capt. May's Report.

Extract from the report of Capt. May.

On the morning of the 9th my squadron
was actively employed in reconnoitering the
chaparral, in advance of the field of the 8th;
and on the advance of the army, I took my
position as the advanced guard. When about
half a mile from the position which the en-
emy were reported to have taken, I was or-
dered to halt, and allow the artillery and in-
fantry to pass, and await further orders. I re-
mained in this position about three quarters
of an hour, when I received orders to report
with my squadron to the general. I did so;
and was ordered by the general to charge the
enemy's batteries, and drive them from their
pieces, which was rapidly executed, with
the loss of Lt. Inge, 7 privates, 18 horses
killed; and Sergt. Muley, 9 privates, and 10
horses wounded. Lt. Sackett, and Sergt.
Story, in the front, by my side, had their
horses killed under them; and Lt. Inge was
gallantly leading his platoon when he fell.

We charged entirely through the enemy's
batteries of seven pieces—Capt. Graham,
commanding the 3d brigade, Lieuts. Winship
and Pleasanton, leading the charge against the
pieces on the left of the road, and myself, ac-
companied by Lt. Inge, Stevens, and Sackett,
those on the direct road—and gained the
rising ground on the opposite side of the
ravine. The charge was made under a heavy
fire of the enemy's batteries, which accounts
for my great loss. After gaining the rising
ground in the rear, I could rally but six men;
with these, I charged their gunners, who had
regained their pieces, drove them off, and
took prisoner Gen. La Vega, whom I found
gallantly fighting in person, at his battery.

I ordered him to surrender, and on recog-
nizing me as an officer he handed me his
sword. I brought him, under a heavy fire
of their infantry, to our lines, accompanied
by Lt. Stevens and a sergeant of my squad-
ron. I then directed Lt. Stevens to conduct
him in safety to our rear, and presented his
sword to the commanding general.

From this time until the enemy were rout-
ed, I was engaged in collecting my men,
who had become scattered in our lines, and
succeeded in assembling half my squadron
and then joined the army in pursuit of the
enemy until he crossed the Rio Grande,
from which I returned to camp.

I cannot speak in terms of sufficient praise
of the steadiness and gallantry of the officers
and men of my command. They all behaved
with that spirit of courage and noble daring
which distinguished the whole army in this
memorable action, and achieved one of the
most brilliant victories of the age.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient serv't,

C. A. MAY,

Capt. 2d dragoons, comm'g 2d squadron

Lt. McDonald, Adj't 2d Dragoons.

Report of Capt. Morris.

HEAD QUARTERS, THIRD INFANTRY,

Camp on Battle Field, near Matamoros,

May 10, 1846.

Sir: I have the honor to report that, in
obedience to your order, immediately before
the battle of the 9th inst. at this place, I de-
ployed the 3d Infantry as skirmishers on the
right of the road—the left resting on the
road—the regiment advanced rapidly to the
front, and soon after the firing commenced
I found my command so far advanced as to
be exposed to a cross fire from our own and
the enemy's batteries, and in conse-
quence of the very dense chaparral, the regu-
lar formation was very much scattered. I pre-
sented an order down the line for the officers to
collect all the men they could, and bring
them into the engagement, which was alto-
gether on the left of the road. I returned
myself with all the men I could collect, turn-
ed Decan's battery, and joined in the ac-
tion on the left flank, with Lts. John, Bea,
Williamson, and Hatch, 3d infantry. Lt.
and Adj't. Irons, passed into the right with
a few men, and joined a party under Capt.
McCall. The officers near me on this oc-
casion did all that could be desired of gal-
lant soldiers. They directed the men with
coolness, judgement, and activity: the sol-
diers too; about 30 in the detachment, did
themselves great credit. I regret that I
cannot give a more full account of what the
regiment accomplished. As stated before,
it became scattered, and each officer was
compelled to act independently. Some few
of his squadron. I followed as quick as possi-

their way out of the chaparral, in time to
join in the battle. Capt. Barbour did good
service with his detachment, by driving back
a body of cavalry attempting to recover a
piece of artillery taken by some officers and
men of the 4th infantry. I must not omit to
notice in this report the conduct of Corporal
O. Sullivan, of company E, 3d infantry,
who fired at a body of the enemy, and im-
mediately rushed in among them, and seized
a lieutenant by the collar, disarmed him, and
delivered him a prisoner to Lt. Graham. He
afterwards went with a party under Sergeant
Kendall of company F, 3d infantry, captured
a gun from the enemy, rolled it out into the
road, and turned it over to an officer of the
5th infantry. There were many other acts
of individual daring; but where they all be-
haved well, it is deemed unnecessary to mul-
tiply instances.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

your obedient servant,

L. N. MORRIS,

Capt. 3d Infantry, Commanding Regt.

Lt. Col. J. Garland, Comm'g 3d Brig Army

Occupation.

Col. Belknap's Report.

Extract from the report of Lt. Col. Belk-
nap, commanding the 1st Brigade. He

speaks of the battle of the 9th:

On arriving at the scene of action, the 8th
regiment charged the enemy on the right of
the road, and drove him from his position.
At this moment, Capt. May, of the 2d dra-
goons, informed me that he had charged and
carried one of the enemy's batteries, but be-
ing unsupported was unable to maintain it.
I immediately ordered the 8th infantry to
form in the road, when it was led to a charge
upon the battery, a part of which had, as re-
ported, been retaken by the enemy. This
movement was executed with the greatest
celerity, and the battery secured. The regu-
lar then charged upon the ravine and
across the small prairie, amidst a sheet of
fire from the front and right, drove the sup-
porting column before it, destroying the
enemy in vast numbers—they having main-
tained a most determined and obstinate re-
sistance, until finally repulsed and driven
from the field. Capt. Montgomery, with his
regiment, pursued vigorously into the chap-
arral on the opposite side of the ravine, un-
til, from the rapid flight of the enemy, fur-
ther pursuit was useless.

The conflict was short. The result show'd
its severity.

At the head of the ravine I met with Capt.
McCall, 4th infantry, who was in command
of the advance, had gallantly brought on the
action, and poured a most destructive, and
kept up an incessant fire upon the enemy.

After the commencement of the action,
on advancing with the 8th infantry and the
battery of the artillery, I ordered Lt. Col.
Childs to remain with his battalion as a re-
serve. It is due to Col. C. to state, that he
was desirous his battalion should be select-
ed to advance in the action instead of the
8th regiment. He soon after received or-
ders from the commanding general to ad-
vance. He obeyed, and rapidly pursued
the enemy to the Rio Grande, where having
thrown out pickets, he captured one captain
and about twelve privates, during the en-
emy's flight.

As soon as the enemy's batteries were
carried, and his infantry began to give
ground, Capt. Duncan was ordered to cross
the ravine and take up a new position, that
he previously occupied, rendering it impos-
sible for him to assail the enemy, without
galling our own troops. This was done, and
the enemy vigorously pursued, a few well
directed shots from our batteries driving
him from his position until he reached the
river.

Where all have acted nobly it may seem
improper to speak of individuals, but I feel
compelled to name the commanders of corps
in the brigade. The commander of the bat-
talion of artillery, Lt. Col. Childs, needs no
praise from me. His well earned fame,
won on many a field, is known to all; but
his coolness and intrepidity in the battle
of the 9th, during the heavy cannonade of the
enemy, the prompt manner in which he
repulsed the charge upon the 18 pounder
battery, and his hot pursuit of the enemy to
the banks of the Rio Grande, on the evening
of the 9th, are new evidences of his zeal
and soldiership; which it gives me pleasure
to record.

Capt. Montgomery, in command of the 8th
infantry at Palo Alto, manifested the utmost
coolness during the cannonade of that day
when his horse was shot under him. The
celerity with which he moved to the sup-
port of the battery of artillery, when threat-
ened by the enemy's cavalry, as well as his
eagerness in getting into the battle on the
9th, in which he was wounded, and his vig-
or in pursuing the enemy, merits high com-
mendation.

I cannot too much commend the skill and
judgement of Capt. Duncan on both fields.
His quick eye detected at Palo Alto the
threatening movement of the enemy on our
left, whose advancing columns were arrest-
ed by his prompt action, and finally turned
back by the rapid